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SUBJECT: TANZANIA HAILS VIETCONG VICTORY IN VIETNAM

1. TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS HAILED VIETCONG VICTORY WITH OFFICIAL ENTHUSIASM. PRESIDENT NYERERE, WHO ATTENDING COMMONWEALTH GATHERING IN JAMAICA, SENT TELEGRAM TO PRG PRESIDENT NGUYEN HU THO IN "HO CHI MINH CITY," AS FOLLOWS:

2. "HEARTIEST AND WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON FINAL ENDING OF 34 YEAR WAR IN VIETNAM AND VICTORY OF PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE IN THEIR COUNTRY. THIS RESOUNDING DEFEAT OF IMPERIALISM CONSTITUTES A GREAT VICTORY FOR ENTIRE PEOPLES OF THIRD WORLD." MESSAGE WENT ON TO LAMENT LOSS OF VIETNAMESE LIVES AND OFFER SOLIDARITY IN REBUILDING VIETNAM ON "BASIS OF HUMAN EQUALITY AND JUSTICE TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN."

3. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE GIVEN HEAVY, PROMINENT, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIGHLY SLANTED COVERAGE TO RECENT VIETNAM EVENTS.

GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS MAY 1 HEADLINED "NLF
LIBERATES SAIGON. AFTER 34 YEARS OF WAR ALL VIETNAM
IS FREE." EDITORIAL NEXT DAY HAILED VICTORY OVER
"PUPPETS PROPPED UP BY THE AMERICANS," AND EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT "BITTER LESSONS THE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN
TAUGHT BY THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM MUST SURELY BE AN
EFFECTIVE DETERRENT TO ANY OTHER WOULD BE INTRUDER."
IT WENT ON TO ADD THAT THE "DEFEAT OF THE AGGRESSORS
AND THEIR PUPPETS" IS ALSO A VICTORY FOR AMERICAN
DRAFT RESISTERS, CONSCIENCIOUS OBJECTORS, AND CONGRESS-
MEN WHO OPPOSED FUNNELLING OF AID TO TIETNAM. FEATURE
ARTICLE INSIDE IS TEARJERKER ON "STEALING" OF VIET-

NAMESE ORPHANS IN ORDER TO "AUCTION THEM TO AMERICAN
FAMILIES."

4. COMMENT: TANGOV'S REACTION TO VIETNAMESE DEBACLE IS,
UNFORTUNATELY, JUST WHAT WE EXPECTED.
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